

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3842**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, ADDING SECTION 18.80.015 TO ECC, MAKING COMPLETE STREET PRACTICES A ROUTINE CONSIDERATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE PUBLIC STREETS FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND TRANSIT USERS REGARDLESS OF AGE OR ABILITY.

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**WHEREAS**, the term "Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle drivers, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 110,000 pedestrians and bicyclists are injured each year on roads in the United States with children and older adults at greatest risk and disproportionately affected; and

**WHEREAS**, the occurrence and severity of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries could readily be decreased by implementing Complete Streets practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the one-third of Americans that do not drive, disproportionately represented by older adults, low-income people, people of color, people with disabilities, and children would greatly benefit from the equitable distribution of safe, alternative means of travel that will result from Complete Streets practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Edmonds has been a leader in implementing policies that recognize the importance of addressing the transportation needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders, such as in the Edmonds Transportation Plan, Bicycle Plan, and the Sustainability Element of the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edmonds Comprehensive Transportation Plan states that arterial and collector streets should be complete streets, that serve automobile, transit, pedestrian and bicycle travel and in the Comprehensive Plan Community Sustainability Element identifies complete streets as a policy that improves sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Edmonds has enacted resolutions that promote reduced energy consumption (including Resolution No. 1129 and No. 1168), and Complete Streets policies promote multimodal transportation which reduce carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edmonds City Council intends to improve the safety of city streets, enhance the quality of life of residents, encourage active living, and reduce traffic

congestion and fossil fuel use by providing safe, convenient, and comfortable routes for walking, bicycling, and public transportation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 18.80, Streets and Sidewalks, of the ECC is hereby amended to include new section 18.80.015 that reads as follows:

**18.80.015 - Complete Streets.**

1) City of Edmonds will plan for, design and construct all new transportation projects to provide appropriate accommodation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and persons of all abilities. Complete Streets principals will be incorporated into City plans, rules, regulations and programs as appropriate.

2) Exceptions. Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and/or people of all abilities are not required to be provided:

- a) Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety;
- b) Where there is no identified need (as established in City Plans and future travel demand models);
- c) For ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (e.g., striping, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and surface treatments such as preservation paving);
- d) Where the cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses;
- e) In instances where a documented exception is granted by the Public Works Director; or
- f) Where implementing Complete Streets Principals in a small project would create a very short section of improvements with problematic transitions on either end or that are unlikely to be followed by similar improvements at either end resulting in little progress on implementing Complete Streets Principals.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent

jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR MIKE COOPER

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY   
JEFFREY B. TARADAY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	06-17-2011
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	06-21-2011
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ORDINANCE NO. <u>3842</u>	

## **SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3842**

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2011.

  
CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WASHINGTON,  
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH

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DATED this 22nd day of June, 2011.

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

Published: June 26, 2011.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is Principal Clerk of THE HERALD, a daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Everett, County of Snohomish, and State of Washington; that said newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation in said County and State; that said newspaper has been approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of Snohomish County and that the notice

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a printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was published in said newspaper proper and not in supplement form, in the regular and entire edition of said paper on the following days and times, namely:

June 26, 2011

and that said newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period.

Principal Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27th

day of June, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Notary Public, written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Everett, Snohomish County.